



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 1, 1999

S. 1290

American Indian Education Foundation Act of 1999

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on August 4, 1999

S. 1290 would establish the American Indian Education Foundation, a charitable and nonprofit corporation to support the mission of the Office of Indian Education Programs within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The foundation would assist federal, state, tribal, and other entities in efforts to improve educational opportunities for American Indians attending BIA-funded schools. Funding for the foundation would be provided through a transfer of donated funds currently held by the Department of Interior (DOI) as well as other donations solicited and received by the foundation itself. In addition, S. 1290 would allow the Secretary of the Interior to provide reimbursable administrative and financial support to the foundation during its first five years of operation.

Based on information from DOI, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1290 would not significantly affect the federal budget over the 2000-2004 period. Assistance provided by DOI during the first five years, which would probably not exceed \$500,000 in any year, would be subject to appropriation and must be fully reimbursed by the foundation. Thus, CBO estimates that this provision would have no net impact on discretionary spending. The transfer of donated funds from DOI to the foundation would increase direct spending in 2000; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. CBO estimates, however, that these donations total less than \$500,000. S. 1290 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on the budgets of tribal, state, or local governments.

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